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SUBJECT: (U) SECRETARY'S RESPONSE TO FM FERNANDEZ'S JUNE  
22 LETTER S/ES: 200912603

11. (U) Embassy is requested to deliver the letter in paragraph 2 to Chilean Foreign Minister Fernandez as soon as possible in response to his June 22 letter regarding upcoming elections for the position of OAS Secretary General. No signed original will follow.

12. (U) Begin text of letter:

Dear Mr. Minister:

Thank you for your June 22 letter regarding the upcoming elections in May 2010 for the position of Secretary General of the Organization of American States.

Please be assured that the United States will give careful consideration to Mr. Insulza's candidacy for re-election in light of his record as Secretary General.

As we look forward to these elections, I anticipate working closely with you to deepen our shared regional commitment to defend democratic governance and the rule of law under the Inter-American Democratic Charter, generate sustainable development for all people in the Americas, promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, and safeguard the security of our citizens.

Sincerely,  
Hillary Rodham Clinton

End text.  
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